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## MAKING THE TEAM



It has been my lifelong dream to play on the middle school softball team. I began playing softball when I was in the second grade. My older brother taught me to play. He is three years older than I am. He practices with me every afternoon and always attends my games with my parents.

This year, I started sixth grade. The middle school softball team tryouts were announced last month. Every day since the announcement, my brother has helped me prepare for the team tryouts. The tryouts were held last Saturday morning. Twenty-three students from my grade tried out for the team. The team only has spaces for five sixth grade students. I know I worked as hard as I could to prepare for the tryouts. I felt like I had done a good job at the tryouts, but I was still nervous on Saturday night and Sunday morning, waiting for the team list to be posted. On Sunday afternoon, my parents took me to the school to see who had made the team. I was so happy when I saw my name on the list. It is so exciting to be a part of the team.

When we left the school, my parents said we should go out for pizza. It would just be a little family celebration in my honor. They called my brother, and he met us at the restaurant. He walked in with a big smile on his face. He was really proud of me. My parents were very proud too, although they warned me about keeping my grades up and making sure I did all my homework every day. They do not need to worry about those things. I'll work very hard to stay on the team.

### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. This student is in the \_\_\_\_ grade.
  - a. seventh
  - b. fourth
  - c. sixth
  - d. eighth

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2. The first paragraph mainly discusses \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. eating pizza
  - b. playing softball
  - c. doing homework
  - d. finding her name on the list
3. Which of the following best describes how the girl felt when she saw her name on the list?
  - a. nervous
  - b. happy
  - c. angry
  - d. sad
4. Which of the following IS true?
  - a. Her father taught her to play softball.
  - b. She has played softball since she was two.
  - c. Her older brother taught her to play softball.
  - d. Her brother took her to the school to check the team list.
5. The girl learned to play softball \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. in the sixth grade
  - b. in the second grade
  - c. in the fifth grade
  - d. at the age of two
6. The word *warned* means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. to notify in advance
  - b. shouted
  - c. celebrated
  - d. to join a team
7. The girl is in the sixth grade. What grade is her brother probably in?
  - a. second grade
  - b. middle school
  - c. third grade
  - d. ninth grade

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ANSWERS**

1. c
2. b
3. b
4. c
5. b
6. a
7. d